

I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate is VERY important to the Diocese of Dallas because it has helped our students and teachers access online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the necessary skills to succeed in college and a career. However, what was adequate bandwidth in the past is no longer adequate requiring our schools to increase their bandwidth. With this increase of bandwidth has come an increase in cost, putting a great strain on many of our schools' budgets. I respectfully urge the FCC to not only increase funding, but also the percentage funded to allow schools to provide the bandwidth needed to allow our students and faculty to access the needed resources. Thank you